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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Decentralized Power Supply System for a Vehicle

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98

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September 26, 2005

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attached Form PTO-1449 lists documents which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

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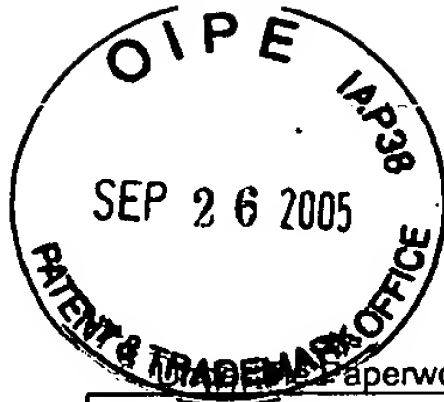
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FEE TRANSMITTAL**For FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 180.00**Complete if Known**

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Fee (\$)

Small Entity Fee (\$)

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

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Multiple dependent claims

200

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360

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Total Claims**Extra claims****Fees(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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Indep. Claims**Extra claims****Fees(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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4. OTHER FEES**Fee Paid (\$)**

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Other **Information Disclosure Statement Fee****180.00****SUBMITTED BY**

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